

In the Claims

Please cancel Claim 15.

Please amend the claims shown on the attachment entitled "REVISED CLAIMS" by deleting the material in brackets and adding the material underlined. Please add new Claims 17-20 shown thereon.

Remarks

The amendment to the specification is being made such that any patent granted on the instant application will refer to its parent. The Commissioner is authorized to enter this paragraph at any other location desired by him.

As executed, the application contained two multiple dependent claims, namely Claims 7 and 12. Both of these claims have been amended to remove any multiple dependency. After entry of this amendment the application will contain no multiple dependent claims. The subject matter of as-executed Claim 7 is now covered by Claims 7, 17, 18, and 19. The subject matter of as-executed Claim 12 is now covered by Claims 12, and 20.

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Attachment: "REVISED CLAIMS"

REVISED CLAIMS

*Sub B2* 7. (amended) A process according to Claim 4, [5, or 6,] characterized in that the step B lasts for up to [does not last more than] 48 hours [h] [and preferably from 2 to 48 h].

*Sub B3* 12. (amended) A process according to Claim 10 [or 11], characterized in that said septum (13) is horizontal.

*Sub B4* 16. (amended) A process according to Claim 1 [15], characterized in that said getter material (11) is an alloy having the raw formula BaLi<sub>4</sub>.

*Sub B5* 17. A process according to Claim 4 wherein step B lasts from about 2 to about 48 hours.

18. A process according to Claim 5 wherein step B lasts from about 2 to about 48 hours.

19. A process according to Claim 6 wherein step B lasts from about 2 to about 48 hours.

*Sub B6* 20. A process according to Claim 11, characterized in that said septum (13) is horizontal.